

Support for Phase II Alluvial Valleys of Stillwater County

Capitol, Rm. 350, Helena, MT

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The Horse Creek Water Users of Absarokee are unable to attend today's grant review meeting, but enthusiastically support the ~~Phase II Alluvial Valleys of Stillwater County~~ ^{Agua Fria T. Streams in the Stillwater-Rosebud watershed.} grant proposal. In 2004, the Horse Creek Water Users were successful in getting a temporary controlled groundwater designation through DNRC to study groundwater availability on 4,600 acres of ranch land three miles southwest of Absarokee. A 65 lot residential subdivision had been approved in the Horse Creek area and residents were very concerned about the long term ramifications that such a development might have on area springs and wells. Studies like ~~Phase II Alluvial Valleys~~ ^{this proposed grant} ... will provide much needed **science**, so that planners, developers and the citizens they serve can make sound land use decisions going forward. Please provide full funding for this grant proposal.

Thank you.

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